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May 19, 2022

**By ECF**

The Honorable J. Paul Oetken  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Ahmad Akbar et al.,  
20 Cr. 563 (JPO)

Dear Judge Oetken:

A telephonic status conference in the above-captioned matter is presently scheduled for May 23, 2022 at 4 p.m. As the parties do not have a substantive update for the Court at this time, the Government requests an adjournment of approximately 60 to 90 days to allow the parties to continue to discuss potential pretrial dispositions.

The Government moves to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, between May 23, 2022 and the date of the rescheduled conference. The Government submits that the exclusion of time would be in the interests of justice as it would allow the defendants to continue to review discovery, and it would also enable the parties to discuss potential pretrial dispositions. Defense counsel consents to the exclusion of time.

Granted. The May 23, 2022 pretrial conference is adjourned to August 2, 2022, at 3:30 pm and will be held telephonically provided that all defendants consent. Counsel are directed to call 888-557-8511 (Access Code 9300838) 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time with their clients conferenced in. The Court hereby excludes time through August 2, 2022, under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 USC 3161(h)(7)(A), finding that the ends of justice outweigh the interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial.

So ordered: 5/20/2022

Respectfully submitted,

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